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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE980895

For authority to amend pilot
delivery service program

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF PILOT DELIVERY SERVICE
PROGRAM AND FOR INCREASE IN PARTICIPATION LEVELS

On October 12, 2000, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "the Company") filed a motion requesting the Commission to extend the Company's pilot delivery service program from the scheduled termination date of December 31, 2000, to the date of the Commission's final order in Case No. PUE000474¹. WGL also requests that, commencing January 1, 2001, the Commission allow it to increase the participation level of each class by 10%. The Company specifically requests permission to increase the participation level in each customer class as follows: approximately 33,000 additional customers for the residential class; approximately 325 additional customers for the group metered class; and approximately 1,820 additional customers for the commercial and industrial class.

¹ On September 11, 2000, WGL filed an application docketed as Case No. PUE000474 wherein it requests approval of a plan for implementing retail choice pursuant to § 56-235.8 of the Code of Virginia.

In support of its request, WGL notes that, unless the Commission grants its requested extension or approves the Company's application pending in Case No. PUE000474 before the December 31, 2000, termination date, many of the customers currently participating in the pilot program will be required to return to the Company's sales service. Moreover, the Company states that permitting an additional 10% of each class to participate in the pilot delivery service programs would permit orderly growth in that program pending final action on the Company's application in Case No. PUE000474.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that the Company's requests are reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Washington Gas Light Company's request for an extension of its pilot delivery service program and for a 10% increase in the participation level of that program's customer classes is hereby granted.

(2) WGL's pilot delivery service program is hereby extended from the currently scheduled termination date of December 31, 2000, until such time as the Commission renders a final decision in Case No. PUE000474.

(3) Effective January 1, 2001, WGL is hereby authorized to increase the participation level in the above referenced customer classes of the pilot delivery service program by 10%.

(4) This matter is continued generally.